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TAGS: OVIP (JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER III), PFOR, RO

SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU MEETING WITH JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER III

1. MAJOR POINT OF ROCKEFELLER CONVERSATION AUGUST 27 WITH CEAUSESCU WAS ROCKEFELLER DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW UNIFIED AND VIBRANT MOOD IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS COME WITH THE ADVENT OF PRESIDENT FORD, WHICH PROMISES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE PERIODS IN AMERICAN HISTORY IN BOTH INTERNAL AND FOREIGN SPHERES. CEAUSESCU NOTED HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT FORD. HE WENT ON TO NOTE HOWEVER THAT HIS CONVERSATIONS THIS PAST WEEKEND WITH FOREIGN LEADERS ATTENDING ROMANIA'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS HAD SHOWN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SKEPTICISM REGARDING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID SOME OF THESE LEADERS HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IN ADDITION TO THE REASONS STATED PUBLICLY, PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIGNATION HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER LEADING ELEMENTS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WHO HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO THE NIXON POLICY OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

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2. CEAUSESCU ASKED JOHN ROCKEFELLER TO CONVEY HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO NELSON ROCKEFELLER ON THE LATTER'S NOMINATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY AS WELL AS AN INVITATION FOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO VISIT ROMANIA.

3. COMMENT: ROCKEFELLER TOLD AMBASSADOR AFTERWARDS THAT HE FELT HE COULD SPEAK MUCH MORE FREELY THAN AN OFFICIAL AMERICAN ABOUT THE REMARKABLE STATE OF UNITY AND DETERMINATION NOW EVIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AN APPRECIATION HE FELT CEAUSESCU OUGHT TO BE GIVEN BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE TIES CEAUSESCU HAD HAD WITH FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. IN OUR VIEW, CEAUSESCU FOR HIS PART, EVEN ALLOWING FOR HIS REPORTING ACCURATELY ON THE VIEWS OF OTHERS, WAS PROBABLY ALSO REFLECTING SOME RESIDUAL CONCERN OF HIS OWN AS TO HOW ROMANIA WOULD FARE UNDER THE POLICIES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.
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